From: Devereux, Jan
To: mike g
Subject: Re: Please vote for Policy Order POR 2018 #101
Date: Thursday, April 19, 2018 4:03:37 PM

Hi Mike,

I remain cautiously optimistic about the EMF situation.

As to HP, there has been a lot of rumor swirling around about that issue. The city (like many municipalities in the Commonwealth) purchases HP office products under a state contract with HP. A group called Mass Against HP tried and failed to get the state to end its contract and recently they approached us with a request to do the same. So far as I know no councillor has agreed to sponsor this, and there will not be anything on Monday's agenda related to it, so do not make plans to come speak because comment on items not on the agenda is not allowed.

Efforts to frame this issue as taking a stand on human rights violations may be naive, or worse counterproductive to efforts bring peace to the region.

Jan

> On Apr 19, 2018, at 3:31 PM, mike g <pixelsand@gmail.com> wrote:
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> Hi Jan,
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> Thanks for your vote to give the EMF artists extra time before eviction and also to discuss a potential sale of the building to the city. That would be a great outcome though I realize there are no guarantees. Another issue has come to my attention that concerns me, this is in regard to the company HP, which is creating and selling surveillance technologies that is being used by Israel and our own federal government to track and oppress Palestinians, immigrants, prisoners, etc. I don't know Cambridge's exact business relationship with HP (if any) but I think it would be important for our city to make a statement that we do not tolerate violence and human rights violations anywhere on this planet. I'm going to try and attend the hearing on Monday, hopefully you and the other city councilors will make a stand, seeing as I believe none of us is free until all of us are free.
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> thank you
> -mike g-
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> On Tue, Apr 3, 2018 at 12:47 PM, Devereux, Jan
> <jdevereux@cambridgema.gov> wrote:
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>> Hi Mike,
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>> Thank you for writing. We did adopt this order last night, and I was happy to support it. I appreciate your comments and the comments of all who spoke.

Best,

Jan Devereux

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From: mike g [mailto:pixelsand@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2018 12:23 PM
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Subject: Please vote for Policy Order POR 2018 #101

I'm writing you in support of this policy order to give the tenants facing eviction from the EMF building more time to transition. Artists labor hard to keep our city vibrant and desirable, and in return they are often treated poorly and not properly compensated for their contributions. Our city government has the power to mitigate the hardships these people face as they continue to produce valuable work in spaces for such that are becoming more and more scarce. I hope tonight we exercise that power and not submit to interests of money and the real estate industry. As a disabled video artist myself this story has recently caught my attention is something I plan to follow up on in the near future in order to try and document the stories of the artists effected, regardless of tonight's outcome. I hope I will have something positive to report but given general trends I have many more fears and doubts.

> Thank you for reading.
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